IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA.

WRIT PETITION NO. 119 OF 2003.

Shri Parag S. Rao,
Student of V.M. Salgaonkar
College of Law, Miramar,
Panaji, Goa. ... Petitioner.

Versus

1. The State of Goa,
   through its Chief Secretary,
   Secretariat,
   Panaji, Goa.
2. The Director,
   Institute of Psychiatry and
   Human Behaviour/Licensing
   Authority, Bambolim, Goa. ... Respondents.

Petitioner in person.

Mr. A.N.S. Nadkarni, Advocate General with Mr. G. Shirodkar, Additional Government Advocate for State.

Coram : S.J. VAZIFDAR AND
P.V. HARDAS, JJ.

Date : 15th April 2003.

ORAL JUDGMENT (Per Vazifdar, J.)

Rule returnable forthwith. By consent of parties, petition is taken up for final hearing.

2. The petition is filed as a Public Interest Litigation for appointment of a competent Inspecting Officer under Section 2(c) of the Mental Health Act, 1987. The learned Advocate General states that the Professor of Psychiatry has been appointed as the Inspecting Officer in terms of Section 2(c). This grievance, therefore, stands redressed. The petition is also filed for a writ of mandamus commanding respondent

no. 1 to make applications to the District Court under Section 79 of the said Act, for payment of cost of maintenance of mentally ill persons in suitable cases. The learned Advocate General states that so far no such requisition has been received by respondent no. 1 and as and when the same is received, respondent no. 1 will consider it. With these assurances, petition is disposed of. Rule made accordingly.

(S.J. VAZIFDAR)
JUDGE.

(P.V. HARDAS)
JUDGE.

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